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under shock, if I had mentally been present, I would have voted aye.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? The question is, shall we reconsider LB 18, on Senator Marsh's motion to advance? Yes, 24 aye. Record your vote on the motion to reconsider. Would you record your vote, please? You can still vote. Would you please vote? Vote the machine, Senator. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 17 nays.

PRESIDENT: The vote is affirmative to reconsider LB 18. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: ...advance LB 18.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we spend all morning on the ability of the Department of Education to administer bills. Right behind 18 is LB24, which, in my opinion, is quite a good bill which would cause driver training to be given to young people if they want to get a driver's license before they are 18 years old. LB 18 is going to tighten up and cause rules and regulations to be written other than what's in the statute of what a trainer or a teacher can be to teach these kids for driver's education. I believe that these two bills, at this stage in the game, are in absolutely completely conflict with each other. It's my intention to support LB 24 but I believe 18 interferes with the education..educationalists ability to put that bill into effect.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I did not speak previously because I did not think the bill would advance and then I did not think it would be reconsidered. I think the important thing to remember here is that we are...if we pass this bill, adopting a policy of letting the Board of Education set up new Rules, unknown Rules which according to the testimony by Senator Kelly and a lot of others on this floor design to upgrade and change what we have now. Now if you are upgrading and changing it considerably, that means you are going to eliminate a lot of the instructors we have in Driver's Education now. At the present time in outstate Nebraska, we feel, I think most of us feel that we have fairly good programs. The people that I have contacted that strongly support this bill are those Driver's Education teachers who happen to have a Masters Degree or some other degree that would leave them in the driver's seat, so to speak, and eliminate a lot of the other teachers in this area. As long as we have a good program, we know precisely what the standards and the rules are now, let's not turn it over to the Board of Education to write new rules, start us out from scratch and let us end up in confusion and, possibly, losing a lot of our Driver's Education programs that we now have and that are working well outstate. So I would move, at this time, to indefinitely postpone the bill.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. I have a number of lights on regarding the principal bill. I'll continue to take them in that order unless some